Advisory Committee and Screening Committee in Doordarshan Kendras

1221. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether in most of the Doordarshan Kendras, there is neither Advisory Committee nor Screening Committee to suggest and examine the various proposals;

(b) whether the Director is the sole authority in this regard; and

(c) if so, whether some effective steps are likely to be taken by Government to dilute the concentration of power and to check arbitrary decisions and alleged corruptions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Keeping in view the requirements of the Kendras, a number of Screening/Advisory Committees like Drama Advisory Committee, Regional Film Selection Committee, Health and Family Welfare Advisory Committee, Programme Advisory Committee etc., are attached to Doordarshan Kendras. However, at some of the Kendras, terms of the existing Programme Advisory Committees have expired and these are yet to be reconstituted.

(b) No, Sir. The Director is guided by the recommendations of the Committees attached to the Kendras and the various guidelines framed by the Government from time to time. Moreover, all recommendations come to the Directorate General for final approval.

(c) Does not arise.

Action against members of the NCCF Board

1222. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies had held the NCCF Board negligent in the performance of its duties and having acted in a manner prejudicial to the interests of the Society and may be superseded;

(b) if so, what criminal/civil action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government against such members of the said Board for causing losses to the NCCF amounting to crores of rupees; and

(c) whether Government proposes to amend its rules and regulations to provide for deterrent action against such negligent members of the Board and to disqualify/debar them from holding office in such institutions in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 and the rules framed there under carries no provisions for taking any criminal and/or civil action against members of the Board of a Society registered under this Act since decisions taken by the Board are collective. However, if in any case involvement of any member of the Board of Directors in corrupt act or even giving undue benefit, which caused loss to the Federation is established, the same can be dealt with under IPC and Prevention of Corruption Act in the normal manner.

C & AG Report regarding shortage of stocks in NCCF

1223. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCCF have identified 8 officials in 6 branches responsible for causing shortages worth Rs. 67.34 lakhs in the stocks of NCCF as pointed out by C & AG in its report of 1988; and